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| In re the Divisional Application of |) | Group Art Unit: 3729 |
| Jeffrey S. Lille |) | |
| Serial No.: 10/601,982 |) | Examiner: Kim, Paul D. |
| Filing Date: 6/20/03 |) | |
| For: METAL CARBIDE AIR BEARING |) | |
| SURFACE LAYER ON A SILICON |) | |
| READ/WRITE HEAD ELEMENT |) | |

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated October 28, 2004, the response being due by December 28, 2004 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment, please enter and consider the following.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-15.

Applicant has submitted a check for the extension of time together with this paper. If any additional fee is necessary for consideration of this paper, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 50-0585. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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